

This is all that is left of a diary Grandfather Martin Slack kept in 1851-55 in England.

It was written in "loose leaf" and rolled up tight, when unrolled it had deteriorated very badly. But I have carefully taken every eligible word off, in long hand. Hoping you will treasure this as I do.

Caddie L. Watson  
Toquerville, Utah

#### MARTIN SLACK IN ENGLAND

the meetings or contributing to the funds.

Moved by brother M. Slack and carried that, Woodfordbridge Branch be disorganized and (something) turned over to the Romford Branch.

Moved by Elder M. Slack and seconded by Elder Penrose, that all deficiency in "free will" offering be \_\_\_\_\_ up by the Branches deficient and brought in \_\_\_\_\_ Priesthood meetings. Carried also.

Moved by Elder Slack and seconded by Brother Coleman that each Branch provide itself with a "Book of Mormon", "Doctrine and Covenants", "Bible" and a "Hymn Book" for the use of the priesthood in the meetings of the Saints. Carried.

Moved by Elder Slack that a Fast Day be held the first Sunday in every month. Carried. It was then moved by Elder Charles W. Penrose and seconded by brother Holland that a collection be made on the next Fast Day to defray the expenses of Brother and Sister Slack's clothing.

Some questions proposed by brother C. W. Penrose were answered by brother Slack, and Elder Moss arose and said, he thought that it would be wisdom to organize Danbury into a Branch of the Church. Carried also.

Moved by Brother Slack and seconded by brother William Moss that Priest John Brett preside over same. Carried.

Brother Brett expressed his willingness to accept, and expressed his determination to carry out the duties of the office. Elder Slack then counselled that all Baptism, Deaths, excommunications etc. be brought to the monthly Priesthood meeting. After some general remarks the meeting closed with prayer by brother Holland.

Martin Slack President  
Elias Harrison Jr. Clerk

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On their shoulders and two auditors ought then to be appointed if they could be obtained, but one would do if no more could be had.

Elder John Holland, Maldon Branch, reported Saints in good standing. 2 had been cut off. Thirteen shillings collected for deficiency in Free Will offering. Book agency showed after audit a balance of 10 shillings in hand. About \$6.00 was due to general Book agent; would get up the promises for the amount that might be expected for Elder Gates by tomorrow.

Elder Slack said, so many Books ought not to be had on hand at one time.

Agreed that one half of old back debt due from the Braintree so the Maldon Branch be paid out of the conference Fund.

Elder William Moss, Chelmsford District, reported Chelmsford Branch, Saints united and prospects good. Funds got up pretty well, had been disappointed in endeavours to get a fresh meeting Place etc., said that brother Joseph Chapman, late president of Chelmsford Branch, had gone to travel in the Bedford Conference, but that he had attended to it himself, since his departure.

Moved by brother Slack and seconded by brother Penrose that brother William Moss be president of Chelmsford Branch for the present, carried.



Elder Richard Coleman, Brantree District, reported Saints improving: had cut off some: told Saints they must clear off Book Debts: could not promise much for brother Gates. 5 would be the number of Stars taken in the future.

Elder Elias Harrison Jr. Ramford District, reported prospects very good at Orsett and Ramford, but the Woodfordbridge Branch in a very dilapidated condition not above 4 or 5 out of 14 members scarcely ever attending.

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Spent the day in Maldon, preached in the evening. Walked to Danbury, had a first-rate meeting organized the Saints, which made me feel well. Returned to Maldon and attended fellowship meeting enjoyed much of the spirit.

Rode to Braintree, preached in the evening, not many present, on account of sickness in the house.

16th Sat. Rode to Calchister to spend the Sunday there.

17. Sunday Met in council with the brethren in the morning, after which, attended three meetings of the Saints. all present enjoyed themselves first rate.

18 Monday. In company with brother Penrose walked to Boxford met in council in the evening found things out of order, but endeavoured to put things right.

19th Tue. In company with Elder Penrose and Stazner walked to Hadleigh, to visit a few Saints, returned in the evening and preached etc.

20. Wed. walked to Celchester with Elder Penrose. then I rode to Ilford on the Railway, where I met Elder Harrison, and then in company with him walked to Barking Side.

21. Thur. In company with a few Saints walked to Romford and preached, then returned to Barking Side.

22. Friday. In company with Elder Harrison walked to Orsett and attended a Festival there, Speeches, recitations and songs were given, which caused the hearts of all present to rejoice.

23. Sat. walked to Romford in company with Elder Harrison and then I left him and went to Chelmsford.

24. Sunday. Met three times with the Saints, enjoyed much of the Spirit of God, throughout the day.

25. Mon. Returned home. found all things right and then rode to St. Albans to attend Priesthood meeting. The members of which are as follows.

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Priesthood meeting of the officers of the Essex Conference residing in the county of Hertford. Held at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting room, Holywell Hill. St. Albans, October \_\_\_\_\_ officers present. 4 Elders. 3 Priest, 1 Teacher etc. 1 Minutes of the last Priesthood meeting read and corrected. The reports of the Brethren with regard to the standing of the Branches in this District were good.

The president of the St. Albans Branch reported that upon inquiry into the Book Agent's accounts it was found that there was a debt to the amount of 3-1-8 (1-S-P) over the balance ascertained to be due when his Books were audited the last day of Sept. Bro. Blendle, the agent, could give no account for the deficiency but expressed his willingness to refund the money. It was

Resolved that he pay two shillings per week till it was paid and that he be suspended from the Priesthood until that time.

Resolved that the Book Agent's account be audited once a month and the accounts brought in the following Priesthood meeting.

Resolved that Elder E. Stratford be Book Agent for the Hertford District and that all the Books for the district be forwarded to him, and that the monies received be sent through him to the London Agent.

Resolved that John Bulter now holding, the office of priest in the St. Albans Branch be ordained to the office of Elder.



Elder Slack gave some council to the Brethren and the meeting was closed by prayer.

Martin Slack, President  
Edwin Stratford, Clerk

Oct. 26. Tuesday. Returned home and attended council meeting. All well.

27. Wed. Spent the day at home and attended meeting in the evening.  
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Oct. 10. Sunday. Met in conference. Elder Job Smith presiding much good instruction was given, and a good spirit prevailed, caused the hearts of all present to rejoice.

11. Monday. Left Bedford and returned home, after which I went to Maldon to attend the Priesthood meeting the minutes are as follows.

Priesthood meeting held 11th Oct. 1852 at Maldon meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Elder Slack. The census of the officers present. 6 Elders and 4 Priests. It was then moved by Elder Slack and carried that Elder Elias Harrison Jr. be appointed clerk of this the Essex division of the Semi-monthly priesthood meeting.

Elder Slack then arose, wished that all the monies be paid to him at this and following Priesthood meetings, to save trouble and the expense of transmission by Post Office orders etc. would now call on the Brethren for a report of the condition of their Districts and Branches, especially as to funds and number of "Stars" taken--called on Brother Penrose for his report. Elder Charles W. Penrose Colchester District, said Saints in his district were in good standing: he had baptized three at Colchester, but has been unsuccessful in his endeavours to obtain a better preaching Room. The Saints had made up Temple Fund, and had promised well for Elder Gate's collection. Viz. 1-11-6 (1-S-P). They had got up some Emigration money, but were deficient with the conference Fund. The no of Stars was 30 viz. Colchester 10, Boxford 20, wishes to know, as he was Book Agent for his own branch, whether it was necessary to appoint two brethren to audit his accounts. Elder Slack said Colchester had improved considerably since brother Penrose had had the charge of it, but there was room for improvement, more "Stars" might be taken etc. With regard to auditing the Book agents accounts. In the first place, the agent ought to be appointed by the voice of the Branch in order to throw the responsibility

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officers present 5 Elders. 2 Priest and 2 Teachers. 37 miles traveled. 1st Resolved that Elder E. Stratford act as clerk to the Priesthood meetings. 2nd That we have a fast the first Sunday in every month to pray for the onward rolling of the work of God and the gifts and blessings of the Gospel. 3rd. Resolved that each Branch procure a Bible, Book of Mormon and Book of Doctrine and Covenants for the use of the Branch.

Meeting closed by prayer.

Martin Slack President  
Edwin Stratford Clerk

Sept. 23 Tuesday: Returned home and attended council meeting at Watford.

Oct. 3. Sunday. attended to the fast, met three times with the Saints and enjoyed much of the Spirit.

4. Monday. Had a prayer meeting this evening at the Rookery a small hamlet near Watford, we rejoiced together, and had much of the Spirit of God in our midst.

5th Tues. went to St. Alban, preached in the evening and met in council afterwards. all went off well.

6th wed. walked to North Mimans preached in the evening, while I was preaching a Methodist local preacher, by the name of Bryant, frequently interrupted me. I warned him of his Sins and called upon him, in the name of the Lord, to obey the gospel, but he was determined to annoy me, and therefore I ordered the master of the house to turn him out which he did after which peace was restored. After the meeting closed. Met in council. all well.

7th Thursday: walked to Hertford, and preached to the Saints in the evening, felt first rate.



8th Friday: In company with Brother Squires walked to Stevenage and preached after which, we walked to Hitchin.

9th Sat. we walked to Bedford to attend the Bedford conference. Met in council a good Spirit prevailed.

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Walked to St. Albans in company with two brethren 43 miles traveled. Met three times with the Saints, enjoyed much of the Spirit of God. And good instructions given. Spent today in St. Albans, visited a few saints. Returned home. The day very wet. attended fellowship meeting this evening. all well. went to Hertford, preached in the evening, all first rate.

Traveled from Hertford to Maldon.

7th. Sunday. A fast day throughout the Essex Conference. We had some good meetings in Maldon.

8th. Monday. Held a Priesthood meeting this evening. the minutes of which are as follows:

Priesthood meeting held 8th Nov. 1852 at Maldon. Meeting opened with singing and prayer by Elder Harrison. officers present 8 Elders. 3 Priests and 1 deacon. The minutes of the last Priesthood meeting were then read and confirmed. Reports. Elder John Holland, Maldon, reported 3 cut off. A bad spirit had seemed to prevail to some extent in the Branch, but hoped the measures taken would effect its removal. The Free will offering was not quite up, but it would be in by conference. Conference Fund will be in by tomorrow. The Book debt amounted to 9-7-3 (1-S-P).

Elder Slack said a good work will yet be done in Maldon. The Saints must be sifted, but the Branch is not perfect yet.

Priest John Brett, Danbury Branch reported, had baptized 2 Saints, seemed lively, had established the Emigration Fund, no debt for Books.

Elder William Moss, Chelmsford said the Saints in his Branch were in good Standing, except one; Book debt 2-0-5½ (1-S-P). No room had been obtained yet. With regard to Danbury things seemed promising there.

Elder E. L. T. Harrison reported Ramford District had baptized 3 during the month, prospects very good at Orsett.

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1 had been baptized. The funds were all coming in both Branches. Branch debts amount to 10-0 (1-S) about the same.

Elder Richard Coleman, Braintree District \_\_\_\_\_ one dead at Braintree Branch, a great deal of sickness had prevailed among the Saints there, had been sick himself for four days, also said he had been delivering tracts at Braintree, but with Elder Slack's counsel would withdraw them and visit Dunmow and Coggeshall. Elder Slack then counselled that Brother Coleman do so.

Elder C. W. Penrose Colchester District. Saints had come up with Conference Fund. In accordance with Elder Slack's counsel had been appointed Book agent by the voice of the Branch. Books debts amounts to 6-0-4 (1) with books and debts to balance; expect to baptize 3 shortly, not obtained a fresh room yet, expect to cut off 3 shortly. Elder Arthur Stagner, Boxford District reported Boxford Branch much in debt about 6-0-0 Book debt balanced by Books etc. Saints in good standing removed 2 and received 1.

Elder M. Slack read over the amounts of Branch debts which came to about 12-0-0 only two Branches were straight. Book debts 20-0-0. Free Will offering still behind about 2-0-0. Had only received about 11-0 (S-P) towards the clothes. debt. would leave it with the brethren how the rest should be got up.

Moved by Elder Penrose and seconded by brother Moss that the remainder of the debt due for Elder Slack's clothes be paid out of the conference fund. Carried. Elder Slack then counselled that the Emigration Fund records of monies paid be kept in a separate Book and that the Elders be very particular in this matter. Also that the Branch records be fully completed by the next conference and brought there to be entered in the General Record, which the brethren agreed to do. Elder Slack then



Elder Franklin D. Richards one of the Twelve Apostles \_\_\_\_\_ President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the British Isles, laid his hands upon my head \_\_\_\_\_ blessed me. Prophesied that the Lord would bless me in my labors, and that I should prove a blessing unto many. also that I should live to a good old age, if I would keep faithful and humble; I pray that I may in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

On the 1st of Dec. left St. Helens and proceeded to Mansfield the same day. On the 3rd Dec. 1851 married Miss Eliza Jeffries of Mansfield, at the same town. Daughter of Samiel and Elizabeth Jeffries, born 8th July 1830 at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. On the 5th left there for London, where I arrived safe the same day.

6th and 7th met with the Saints in Conference. Elder Kelsey presiding. Lorenzo Snow and Franklin Dewey Richards two of the quorum of the Twelve were present. much valuable instruction was given all hearts were made glad and felt full of gratitude to God for his blessings. They realized and enjoyed.

On the 8th left London and proceeded to Hertford, one of the branches in my new field of labor.

9th. Met with the saints there in the evening, enjoyed the Spirit of God.

10th. walked to St. Albans, an old, small, market Town, 12 miles from Hertford, met with a few Saints in the evening, found them in much confusion. 11th walked to Watford 8 miles from St. Albans, and in the evening walked to Rickmansworth 3 miles from Watford to attend meetings, very few present. spoke a short time and after meeting returned to Watford.

12th. Met with the Watford Saints in the evening not many present. 13th walked to St. Albans, met in council with the officers of the Branch, in the evening we were not able to finish, or go through the business, therefore, adjourned till tomorrow. 14th met with the Saints three times, gave them much good instruction; also met in council with the brethren.

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and in order that things might be put right in the Branch, we were under the necessity of excommunicating members, who afterwards repented, and came back into the Church. 15th. Returned to Watford, where I was met by \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Slack, who left Mansfield the same day. In the evening I met in council with the officers of the Watford branch.

16th. In the evening met in fellowship with the Watford saints. 17th. Took two rooms to live in of Brother Andrew Rush, afterward I traveled to Ingatestone, a large village in Essex, where I staid over night, at the house of brother Ja \_\_\_\_\_ Squires who kindly entertained me. 18th Rode to Braintree a market town in Essex, 40 miles from London. Preached in the evening to a house full of people, enjoyed much of the Holy Spirit, after \_\_\_\_\_ting one was baptized. 19th Rode to Colchester, a large town 5 miles from London. Preached to a few Saints in the evening.

20th Walked to Boxford, a village in Suffolk, 12 miles from Colchester. 21st. Met three times with the Saints, and once with the brethren in Council; enjoyed much of the Spirit through the day.

22nd travelled to Maldon, a market town in Essex 40 miles from London, met with the Saints in the evening, had a first rate time. 23rd travelled to Orsett and had a good meeting in the evening. 24th returned home. 25th The Saints of Watford had a social party all went off well. 28th. Met three times with the Saints in Watford, had excellent meetings. 29th Met in council with the brethren at Watford. 1st Jan. 1852. Walked to Hertford, met with the Saints in the evening. all felt well. 2nd Elder Gates, Pastor over the London, Kent, Reading and Essex Conference came to Hertford to attend conference on Sunday following. 3rd in the evening commenced our Conference, the first Essex conference ever held. I gave the minutes as recorded by the clerk.

"The officers of the Essex Conference assembled in council at the home of Elder James Camp's, Hertford, on Saturday evening Jan. 3, 1852. officers present 1 Seventy 7 Elders

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Tuesday: walked to St. Albans and preached to the Saints in the evening. 23 miles traveled. also yesterday and today wrote some letter to remove the brethren, who are travelling to other fields of labor. Elder Samuel



Holmes from Braintree, Essex to Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Elder Richard Coleman from Boxford, Suffolk, to Braintree Elder Arthur Hayner from Colchester, Essex, to Boxford, and Elder Charles Wm Penrose from Maldon Essex to Colchester.

28th Wed. Returned home, and then in company with a few brethren walked to Pinner on purpose to hear a gentleman lecture, as we supposed, against the Latter-day Saints, but he did not, so we were disappointed, and in returning home got very wet.

29th Thursday. Met with the Saints in the evening had much of the Holy Spirit in our midst; we all rejoiced much.

30th Friday: Spent the day instructing myself, writting letters etc.

May 1st Sat. Went to St. Albans to try to engage the Town Hall for a lecture to be delivered, but they would not let it.

2nd Sunday. Attended two meetings at Watford, then walked to Pinner preached in the open, many people present after which I returned home. Enjoyed the day first rate.

3rd Monday. Walked to Richmanworth with Elder Graveny to try for a room to preach in, but we did not succeed. Attended a council meeting in the evening.

4th. Tuesday: visited a few Saints and instructed myself.

5th. Wed. Elder Gates paid us a visit and delivered a lecture in the county Court Hall on the building up of Zion in these last days. The Hall was well filled with people who paid good attention.

6th. Thur. Elder Gates returned home and I visited school in the evening.

7th Friday: Attended a Priesthood meeting this evening, much instruction was given and a good spirit prevailed.

8th. Sat. Spent part of the day with brother Forsdick.

9th. Sunday: attended three meetings in Watford and preached once in the open air, had a first rate day. enjoyed much of the Spirit.

10th Monday: attended council meeting this evening, all was right.

11th Tuesday. Went to Bunhey a village one mile from Watford and preached in the open air, not very good attendance.

12th. Wed. attended a fellowship meeting instructed the Saints etc.

13th Thursday. Enjoyed a fresh Room for the Saints to worship.

14th Friday: met in committe this evening to transact a little business.

15th. Sat. Instructed myself throughout the day.

16th. Sunday. Walked to St. Albans, preached in the open air twice, and attended Sacrament Meeting, had an excellent day, returned home in very good spirit.

17th Monday. met in council with the brethren this evening.

18th. Tuesday. This day and the four following days assisted in preparing the room for opening.

23rd. Sunday. Opened the new room, preached twice and attended Sacrament, much of the Spirit was enjoyed.

24th. Monday: attended council this evening peace and unity prevailed.

25th. Tuesday: attended to a little business, and then instructed myself.



26th Wed. attended meeting this evening prophesied of the prosperity of the work of God in this town, if the Saints are faithful in discharging all their duties.

27th. Thursday: Spent today instructing myself.

28th. Friday: walked to St. Albans on my way to Hertford.

29th Sat. walked from St. Albans to Hertford.

30th Sunday. met three times with the Saints, assisted to confirm 4 persons into the church, had very good meetings throughout the day.

31st Monday: walked to Welioyn to spend the day with a few saints.

June 1st. Tuesday: Walked to St. Albans attended meeting in the evening.

2nd. Wed. Returned home, and attended fellowship meeting.

3rd Thur. Instructed myself and attended school in the evening.

4th. Friday: Met in Priesthood meeting with the officers this evening.

5th. Sat. Instructed myself in reading and writing.

Poem by Dorothy Humpurey

1

Dear brother when I say farwell  
I do not mean forever  
Nor neither do I sigh or groan  
For my heart is as light as a feather.

2

I say go on and preach the Truth  
and gather Isreal home  
Stand to your test with courage bold  
Not fearing what may come.

3

That arm which did the Hebrew shield  
When in the fiery furnace cast  
Shall be to you a sure defence  
While persecution and storm be past.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Died at the same place January 9 \_\_\_\_\_ My mother's Father James Lynam was born at Pilsley \_\_\_\_\_ of Northwingfield in the county of Derby Feb. 19th, 1754 \_\_\_\_\_ at Pilsley Mar. 11, 1839. My Father's mother Ann Slack (Her maiden name was Ann Holland) was born at Crabtree \_\_\_\_\_ Meadow, parish of Northwingfield, Dec. 9, 1761 Died at Pilsley, Nov. 13, 1821.

Mother's mother Lynam (Her maiden name was Cavill) \_\_\_\_\_ at Handsworth, Woodhouse, parish of Handsworth in the \_\_\_\_\_ of York.

My great grandfather Slack was born at Danesmoor, in the parish of Northwingfield. My great great grandfather Slack came from Scotland.

My great grandfather Lynam came from Norfolk.

My mother was Father's second wife, his first wife's maiden name was \_\_\_\_\_.

June 29th. Tuesday: attended meeting in the evening and preached a little, all well.

30th. Wed: walked to Woodfordbridge in company with Elder Kemp and Harrison. Met the Saints and released brother Owen, the President of the Branch from the presiding on account of him living so far from the Branch, and appointed Elder Thomas Smith to succeed him. Prospect not very bright.

July 1st Thursday: Returned home in excellent health and Spirit.

2nd Friday: busy writing, and met with a few officers in the evening.

3rd Sat. visited most of the Watford Saints, and wished them all to attend the meeting on Sunday.



4th Sunday: Met three times with the Saints; reproved them for being so dilatory in the work of God, and gave instructions for them to walk by, in the future.

5th. Monday: Spent the day with a few of the Watford Saints.

6th. Tuesday: Met in council this evening and found out the cause of the bad standing of the Branch, the officers had lost their confidence in their President, and chiefly without any occasion, everything wrong was rectified, and I believe they will go on first rate in future.

7th. Wed. attended fellowship meeting this evening had much of the Spirit.

8th. Thursday: Spent the day at home and visited school in the evening.

9th Friday: baptized Edwin Smith, Euphrosyne Smith and Mary Hall, all residing in Watford.

10th. Saturday: this evening I baptized Ambrose Little of Watford.

11th. Sunday: preached twice at Bushey in the open air, and attended 3 meetings with the Saints at the room.

12th Monday: went to Hernel Hemsted to attend a social party. We enjoyed ourselves first rate. a good spirit prevailed.

13th Tuesday: went to St. Albans to meet Mr. Winterborn in public discussion according to adjournment. He contended that Baptism for remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost were not essential for salvation. I endeavored to prove from the scriptures that

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4. Priests and 2 teachers. Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Elder Jacob Gates, after which Elder Slack introduced

the conference, and the following resolutions were \_\_\_\_\_  
Forsdick act as Secretary for the Essex Conference \_\_\_\_\_ that the conference Fund be sustained by the council of the Branches at the rate of one penny per member per month and that it be forwarded once a month to Elder Slack 3rd. That a collection be taken up throughout the conference second Sunday in every month, for the support of the President of Conference and family.

4th. that a fast day be held on Sunday, the 18th ins. and that a collection be taken up the same day for Elder Gates.

5th. That Elder John Caffall act as general treasurer of \_\_\_\_\_ Perpetual Emigration Fund for the Conference.

6th. That Elder Slack be general treasurer of the Free will offering Fund for the conference.

7th. That Priest James Squires of Ingatestone Branch be ordained an Elder, and that he preside over the said Branch.

8th. That Priest John Holland of the Maldon Branch be ordained an Elder.

9th. That brother John Brett of the Maldon Branch be ordained a teacher.

10th. That brother Daniel Clarke of the Colchester Branch be ordained a Priest.

11th. that brother George Reid of the St. Albans Branch be ordained a Priest.

The travelling Elders gave cheering accounts of the work in their different fields of labours. Elder Gates gave us \_\_\_\_\_ wise counsels, exhorted us to keep the words of wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ to teach the Saints to keep all the commandments of God. \_\_\_\_\_ meeting closed in peace, Prayer by Elder Slack.

Martin Slack President  
Stephen Forsdick Secretary.

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Sunday morning January 4th, 1852, the Essex Conference resembled at the corn Exchange, Hertford at \_\_\_\_\_ meeting opening by singing, and prayer by Elder \_\_\_\_\_ present 1 Seventy, 8 Elders, 4 Priests, 2 teachers \_\_\_\_\_ Resolutions were then carried to the effect \_\_\_\_\_ sustain all the various quorums of authorities in the church. After which it was resolved that we respond to the call made upon us by the Presidency, to pay what is allotted to us as Free Will offering. To assist in rearing a Temple to the Lord. The minutes of the council last evening were then read and received the sanction of the conference, after which the following resolutions were passed.

That brother John Fry of the Hertford Branch be ordained a Priest.

13th that the Maldon and Ingatestone Branches be organized into a District, and that it be designated the Chelinsford District, with Elder C. W. Penrose to preside over it.

14th that Braintree be organized into a District, and that Elder S. Holmes preside over the same.

15th that the Colchester and Boxford Branches be organized into a District, and that it be designated the Colchester District, with Elder Richard Coleman to preside over it.

16th that we uphold and sustain Elder Joseph Chapman as a travelling Elder in His field of labour at Harwich.

The remainder of the day was devoted to teaching and instructions from Elders Gates and Slack. Many strangers present in the evening, who paid good attention. The Statistical report, as read over, the Total were as follows:

10 Branches, 22 Elders, 13 Priests, 10 Teachers, 9 Decans. \_\_\_\_\_  
ations in the conference since its organization as follows \_\_\_\_\_  
8 baptized. 2 Received, 6 removed 3 Emigrated, 3 cut off. 1 Dead total  
of members 280.

Martin Slack President  
Stephen Forsdick Secretary

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\_\_\_\_\_ by the hearty response to the call made for \_\_\_\_\_ things which I have put to the conference \_\_\_\_\_ lid question to all of you: From whom \_\_\_\_\_ It is from these over whom you preside \_\_\_\_\_ you over whom I preside, and what I want \_\_\_\_\_ you may be enabled to do your duties and be worth \_\_\_\_\_ honor and blessings from your brethren, and \_\_\_\_\_ blessings of exaltation and eternal life in the \_\_\_\_\_ that I maybe more efficient in presiding \_\_\_\_\_ to come. The Saints love you because you have loved \_\_\_\_\_ to the extent that you love them will they love you. \_\_\_\_\_ constant uprightness and purity before them, will cause \_\_\_\_\_ to love you as themselves, and it will be the means of \_\_\_\_\_ you together so strongly that nothing shall harm you, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be like a threefold cord which cannot be broken. This is a principle that the world has not found out. If they had this principle among them, they would not have to keep a standing army in order to preserve peace. When you see m \_\_\_\_\_ put forth laws to terrify and intimidate, that is not done by \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit and power of God. Then brethren, seek to govern in love, and the Saints will love you. Seek to be good, for you may yet become great and have to stand in High places, and then if you are not good you will be sure to fall. Every man who wants to be great in this church must lay a solid foundation, and have every part well cemented together, and if you have a good foundation the rest of the building will sit firm upon it, and there will be every prospect of it standing; though the storms may beat furiously upon it, all will be right. I am talking to men who are learning to build up kingdoms \_\_\_\_\_ must learn to do it in a wise and proper manner, for if \_\_\_\_\_ eddle with mortar that you do not understand, you will \_\_\_\_\_ it crack in the wall, and your building will give way, and \_\_\_\_\_ prospect will be blighted. Never seek to be great, but to be good. I never tried to be great, but many times have I

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cried mightily to the Lord, when alone \_\_\_\_\_ me in my weakness. Your pray \_\_\_\_\_ your faith and prayers before The Elders \_\_\_\_\_ supported \_\_\_\_\_ me. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ brethren, and if you will hold on, I \_\_\_\_\_ pull you up also. This is the principle on \_\_\_\_\_ shall all



be saved, if ever we are saved, by holding \_\_\_\_\_ each other: the lesser being lifted up by the greater \_\_\_\_\_. During the whole of the council the Holy Spirit of God rested copiously upon all present. Wh\_\_\_\_\_ joy and gladness to reign in every bosom.

10th. Returned home (17 miles) found all things right.

11th. Met 3 times with the Saints, and gave them some good instruction relative to the building up of Zion in these Days. Branch.

Monday 12th. Walked to St. Albans (8 miles) to attend a social party of the Saints. All was carried on very agreeably, love and union prevailed.

Tuesday 13th. Attended council meeting this evening at St. Albans, found all things right.

14th. Walked home (8 miles) and met with the Saints in the evening.

Thursday and Friday at home instructing myself etc.

Sat. 17th. Travelled to Maldon (60 miles) and met with Elder Gates, our Pastor.

Sunday 18th. Met 3 times with the Saints at the Cromwell Lecture Hall. I preached once, and Elder Gates twice, many strangers present.

Monday 19th. We spent the day together, and met with the Saints in the evening, many good instructions were given, and a good Spirit prevailed.

Tuesday 20th. Left Maldon for Braintree (14 miles) where Elder Gates preached in the evening. The Saints all rejoiced together. All went off well.

Wednesday 21st. We left and went to Colchester (16 miles) met with the Saints and instructed them in the evening. Peace and union prevailed.

Thursday 22nd. Went to Boxford (12 miles) had a first rate meeting. All the Saints rejoiced.

Friday 23rd. Went to Braintree (21 miles) and Elder Gates returned to \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 24th. Spent the day with the Saints at Braintree.

Sunday 25th. Met twice with the Saints, gave them some good instruction as dictated by the power of the Holy Ghost, many stranger present.

Monday 26th. Returned home (60 miles) met in council with the Brethren. All well.

Rest in small pieces

Assembled at Hertford, (looks like) September 12, 1852 Elder Slack presiding. Officers present 2 of the quorum \_\_\_\_\_ 19 Elders, 6 Priests, Teachers and \_\_\_\_\_ meeting opened by singing the \_\_\_\_\_. Elder Job Smith, and singing.

1st resolved that we uphold and sustain Brigham Young. Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards as the first Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

2nd resolved that we uphold and sustain the Twelve Apostles, as the travelling High Council.

3rd resolved that we uphold and sustain Elder Samuel W. Richards as President of all the P\_\_\_\_\_ churches, with Levi Richards as his counsellor.

4th. Resolved, that we uphold and sustain Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Gates as the Pastor of this and adjoining conferences \_\_\_\_\_

5th. Resolved, that we uphold and sustain Elder Martin Slack as President of the Essex Conference.



6th. Resolved, that we sustain all the Presidency Districts, and Branches, the travelling Elders \_\_\_\_\_ the Priesthood generally in this conference.

7th Resolved, that we sustain all the constituted quorums of Authorities in God's Kingdom on the Earth.

8th Resolved, that we approve of the doings of the council last night, and also approve of the organization of the Romford Branch.

9th Resolved, that each Branch that is behind with the Free Will offering get as much as possible.

10th. Resolved, that a collection be taken up throughout the Conference on Sunday Sept. 26th to make up what the Branches are deficient in for the Free Will offering.

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The statistical report of the Branches \_\_\_\_\_ 13 Branches 30 Elders, 19 Priests 14 Teachers, 11 Decons, 46 baptized, 15 received by letter, 12 removed by letter, 17 cut off, 1 dead, total number of members 330. Meeting closed by singing the Hymn on the 88th page and prayer by Elder Slack.

The Remainder of the day was devoted to teaching and instruction by Elder Slack, Gates and Smith. The conference then adjourned to meet in Essex the Second Sunday in December.

Martin Slack President  
Stephen Forsdick Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ company with a many saints visited Rye House \_\_\_\_\_ miles from Hertford, we enjoyed ourselves very much. \_\_\_\_\_ returned in good Spirit. Thus closed the happy \_\_\_\_\_ conference we have had.

\_\_\_\_\_ company with Elders Gates and Smith and a lot of Saints \_\_\_\_\_ walked to St. Albans, attended meeting in the evening and Elder Gates preached to a large congregation, all present rejoiced.

15th Wed. Came to Watford, Elders Gates and Smith with a few others left us. In the evening I attended meeting.

18. Saturday: in company with Mrs. Slack, rode to Mansfield, Notts. on a visit to her friends, found them all very well.

27th. Monday: in company with Mrs. Slack returned home, and from there I went to St. Albans to attend our first Priesthood meeting, the minutes of which are as follows:

"Priesthood meeting of the officers of the Essex Conference residing in the county of Hertford held at the Saints meeting, Holywell Hill St. Albans, September 27th, 1852

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officers present 2 of the quorum. \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Elders, 8 priests, 4 teachers \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting opened by singing \_\_\_\_\_ prayer by Elder Job Smith and singing.

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The following was presented to me by two old widows \_\_\_\_\_ years of age each. I insert it here as a curiosity as to the good feelings it manifests.

1

Farwell Dear Brother you have faithful been  
You are near unto my heart.  
Though God hath spoken from above,  
and called you from your friends to part.

2

O may His Spirit guide your path  
and keep you faithful still  
Until you and all at last  
Stand with the blest on Zion's hill.

3

Farwell dear Brother, now you're going  
In a distant land to be,  
I kindly thank you for the blessings  
You have bestowed on me.

Mary Mosley  
Jane Gilbert.

The following was presented by sister Mary Godber, one whom I baptized for the remission of her sins, and confirmed into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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\_\_\_\_\_ whisper gladness;  
\_\_\_\_\_ the mourner's bitter Sear  
Soothe the soul of sadness.  
He who once our sorrows bore;  
He who felt our anguish,  
Bids thee balm of healing pour,  
Bids thee not to languish  
Go, where duty calls thee.

2

Go where duty calls thee  
To the sick and dying.  
Where the sufferer rocked with pain,  
Faint and weak is lying.  
Go, though fever's heavy breath  
Round the couch be creeping,  
Go, though at the sight of Death,  
Gathered friends are weeping.  
Go, nor fear infection's power  
Unseen arrows darting.  
Go, nor dread the buying hour  
When the soul's departing  
He, the Lord of Death and Life,  
He is there beside thee;  
Through the snare and through the strife,



Safe His arm will guide thee  
Go, where duty calls thee.

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and 1 dead.

after which Elders, Holland, H. A. Squires gave a cheering account of the work in their respective fields of labor. Elder John Lewis President of the Kent Conference then addressed the meeting. When he sat down the meeting closed with singing and prayer by Elder Gates.

Sunday Evening.

Meeting opened with singing "Sweet is the Work" and prayer by Elder H. A. Squires and singing.

Elder Gates then addressed a large and attentive audience on the Book of Mormon, and the origin of the American Indians; after which Elder Lewis then addressed the meeting for a short time.

Meeting then closed by singing, "When Shall We all Meet again" and prayer by Elder Slack.

June 14th Monday Monday Morning.

The officers met at the Saints meeting Room, Maldon at 11 o'clock. Meeting opened with prayer by Elder H. A. Squires, after which the following resolutions were passed.

1st. that we get the remainder of the money due to the Free Will offering, by the second Sunday in September.

2nd. that the monthly collection be taken up as

during the conference, caused the hearts of all to abound with joy and gladness, and I pray that they maybe indelibly fixed upon their minds never to be eradicated.

Monday Evening.

We held a Social meeting, when hymns and songs were sung. Recitations and speeches made by the different brethren and sisters present and truly it may be said that the one Spirit reigned in every bosom, which made all rejoice exceedingly in the Great work of God.

June 15th Tuesday spent the day with Brothers Gates and Lewis and the Saints. In the Evening Elders Gates and Lewis left us, and I met with the Saints, much of the Spirit was enjoyed.

16th. Wednesday. Walked with a few of the Saints to Danbury: had a meeting in the evening, when all present rejoiced.

17th. Thursday spent the day with the Saints, and in the evening returned to Maldon to attend meeting, after which met in council with the officers; love and union prevailed.

18th. Friday in company with Elder Squires went to Braintree and had a meeting in the evening we all felt well.

19th. Saturday went to Chelmsford to meet with the Saints on Sunday.

20th. Sunday met with the Saints residing there, and organized them into a Branch, to be called the Chelmsford Branch. Appointed Elder Joseph Chapman to preside and ordained William Squires a Priest, William Brown.

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where duty calls thee  
the proclamation  
and as herald of thy God  
Heralding Salvation.  
Scatter wide the seed of Life,  
Lift thy voice and fear not;



Heed not scorn, and heed not strife,  
Speak though many hear not,  
Tidings, joyful tidings sound.  
To the heart lamenting.  
Raise the Spirit conscience bound  
Free the soul repenting.  
Angels wait on hovering wing  
Of holy, heavenly fire  
See from God's deep love they bring  
Courage to inspire.  
Go where thy duty calls thee.

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(Seems he was being turned over the Essex Conference) and is now laboring in the Liverpool. According to the appointment, I soon repair to my new field of labour.

The Saints in this District administered to abundantly, during my labours among them; Father reward them for their kindness at my leaving, the following Testimonial was presented to me.

"To whom this may concern.

This certifies that Elder Martin Slack is a worthy and faithful Brother in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, having laboured Diligently and faithfully the last 11 months in the Liverpool conference. We recommend him to the esteem and fellowship of all Saints wherever his lot may be cast. Praying for his success in the Redeemer's cause.

Gland Rodger President  
of the Liverpool Conference  
November 30th, 1851

Just pieces from now on.

The officers comprising the Essex Conference assembled in council at the Latter-day Saints meeting Room. Hertford, on Saturday evening, September 11th, 1852 at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6 o'clock.

Officers present 2 of the Quorum of the Seventies, 15 Elders 4 Priests, and 2 Teachers.

Meeting opened by singing the hymn on the 297 page and prayer by Elder Slack.

1st. Resolved that a Branch be organized at Romford to be called the Romford Branch, and that Elder Elias L. T. Harrison preside over the same.

2nd. resolved that the monthly collection for the support of the President of the conference and family be taken off the conference.

3rd. resolved that the responsibility rest upon the President of the various Branches for the support of President Slack.

4th. resolved that if enough be not raised in the different Branches to defray Elder Slack's

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Aug. 10th Tuesday in company with brother Squires walked to Pwckridge and Buntingford, to look for a field of labour for Elder Samuel Holmes, and believe that to be a good one, inasmuch as he is faithful to his work.

11th Wednesday Spent the day among the Saints at Hertford.

12th Thursday preached to the Saints this evening, all first rate.

13th Friday in company with Elders Squires and Pauman visited Hoddesdon and Ware, two towns in Herts. In the evening at Ware I began preaching to the people in the open air, but before I had done the police authorities came and told me to leave off, as it was very annoying to some of the inhabitants of the town.



15th. Sunday met three times with the saints and attended council meeting, we enjoyed much of the Spirit throughout the day.

16th. Monday: Returned home. the few following days at home.

22nd. Sunday walked to St. Albans and met three times with the Saints, all enjoyed themselves very much.

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Chelmsford District stated that things were well Chelmsford, prospects were bright: good meeting room. At Danbury they baptized 1 since last conference. At Braintree were well, others were in a very lukewarm of the branch, resting upon the few good ones. Visited Caggeshall and Stisted with Track, a good spirit was manifested among the people.

Elder Slack then said that the Moldon Branch was behind with some of the funds; they owed 9 & 5 d to the Free Will offering. 5 & 8 d to the conference Fund and 7 & 4 d their portion of the conference Expenses, but he believed they would come up with them all. he had been residing there since the conference, and had undertaken the task of collecting the Funds. and he believed a good work would be done there. Romford District, said that in Romford members mostly in good standing, some that formerly belonged to the Barking side Branch were rather queer. At Orsett the Saints were all in good standing but 2 were all clear with regards to the Funds; had preached at Grays, the people showed a good spirit, had not been able to attend to Billericay lately, not having had time. Elder Slack said that one young woman in the Romford good spirit prevailed donated the sum of 1 & 10 v 0 d to the Fund; they were the sort of individuals and gather to Zion speedily.

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attended to business along with brother opened the Cromwell Lecture Hall times with the Saints; many strange preached twice. Upon the first gospel.

Sunday 23th. Met a wide space  
Wednesday walked to Danbury and preached to the Saints and ordained two brethren to the Priesthood.

Monday 25th. Walked to Maldon  
9th Thursday returned to Maldon and had a very good meeting.

10th Friday met in council this evening, a first rate spirit prevailed.

11th Saturday attended to business in setting the records all right.

12th Sunday met three times with the Saints. A good Spirit prevailed throughout the day.

13th Monday Twenty even years since I entered this Lower world. I return my praise and Gratitude to God for perserving my life up to the present time, and may I so live from this time forth his blessings unto me. I attended Priesthood meeting to day in Chelmsford the minutes are as follows:

Priesthood meeting held at Chelmsford, December 13th, 1852. Opened with prayer by Eder Stayner. Officers present 7 Elders, 2 Priests 1 Teacher and 1 Deacon.

Moved by Elder Slack and carried that Elder Penrose be appointed Clerk to this Priesthood in the place of Elder Harrison

The minutes of the last Priesthood read and confirmed by Elder Slack concerning

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I feel very grateful to God and His servants for the position I have been called to occupy, may I ever prove worthy of their confidence reposed in me, by doing, as I am told by reg authority, and then by so doing, I know that I shall be exa to the ressuraction of the just.

Monday 5th. Spent the day with a few Saints and visited some in the country.

Tuesday 6th. Returned home. good health and spirits.



Wednesday 7th. Met with the Watford Branch in the evening.

Friday 9th. Travelled to Ingatestone, a \_\_\_\_\_ in Essex, 23 miles from London, where I met with Elder C. W. Penrose President of the Chelmsford District. We attended a meeting of the Saints there and gave them some good instructions. Ordained James Squires an Elder and Teacher James Marchbanks to the office of Priest, by the Sanction of the Branch, blessed Brother Marchbanks 2 children. A sister of the Branch had a lump of flesh on her wrist as large as a common size thimble, which prevented her from discharging a many of her household duties. \_\_\_\_\_ requested me to anoint it with olive oil. I did so \_\_\_\_\_ lump soon went away. Afterwards she apostatized from the faith, and when asked concerning the power of God \_\_\_\_\_ had removed the lump from her wrist, said \_\_\_\_\_ removed, but by what power she did not know \_\_\_\_\_ God the Glory \_\_\_\_\_

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Elder Richard Coleman, president of the Colchester District \_\_\_\_\_

May 15th in the evening met with the Boxford Saints in meeting, \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 16th. Travelled to Romford, 51 miles from Boxford \_\_\_\_\_ met at a public house this night.

Saturday 17th. Walked Woodfordbridge 9 miles from Romford.

Sunday 18th. Observed the \_\_\_\_\_ as appointed at the conference, met with the Saints \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon and returned home in the evening about 24 miles from Woodfordbridge.

Monday 19th. Met in council with the brethren at Watford \_\_\_\_\_

Wed., 21. Met in fellowship with the Saints, a good Spirit prevailed.

Friday 23th. Walked to St. Albans 8 miles from Watford on my way to Hertford.

Saturday 24th. Walked to Hertford 12 miles from St. Albans.

Sunday 25th. Met 3 times with the Saints, a few strangers present. I preached and gave the Saints some good instructions.

Monday 26th. Walked to Southend a small place 3 miles from Hertford preached in the evening, the Spirit of God was in our midst.

Tuesday 27th. Walked to North Niemons, a village 10 miles from Hertford and preached to the Saints in the evening, after which I walked to St. Albans 5 miles from there.

Wed. 28th. Met with the Saints in the evening all first rate.

Thursday 29. Walked home 8 miles from St. Albans, the day very pleasant.

\_\_\_\_\_ met 3 times with the Saints in Watford, instructed them \_\_\_\_\_ led by the Spirit of God.

Elder Gates our pastor came \_\_\_\_\_ Elder Gates preached to the \_\_\_\_\_ returned to London \_\_\_\_\_

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Monday 16th. Returned home Safe and in very good health.

Tuesday 17th. Brother Henry Squires a travelling Elder in \_\_\_\_\_ conference paid me a visit.

Wed. 18th. In the evening met with the Saints in fellowship \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 22nd. Met 3 times with the Saints, instructed them as lead by the Spirit of God. Had a first rate day.

Monday 23rd. Met in Council with the brethren, a good spirit \_\_\_\_\_

Wed. 25th. Met with the Saints in the evening had a good meeting.



Sat. 28. Walked to Hertford 20 miles from Watford.

Sunday 29th. Met 3 times with the Saints and had a very good meeting.

Monday March 1st. Met in council with the brethren in the evening, gave them some instructions on order. Showing how necessary to be observed in the church and Kingdom of God.

Tues. 2nd. Returned home, accompanied to St. Albans by Elder Squires.

Wed. 3rd. Met with the Saints in the evening, and had much of the Spirit of God with us, which caused our hearts to rejoice.

Saturday 6. Travelled to Braintree 60 miles from Watford.

Sunday 7th. Met twice with the Saints, had many strange \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed the Spirit of God. Much good done.

Monday 8th. Rode to Maldon, 14 miles from Braintree to \_\_\_\_\_ a tea party. 12 month today since \_\_\_\_\_ entered the town, as a travelling Elder \_\_\_\_\_ gospel without purse or scrip.

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16th. Elder Henry Squires paid me a visit.

17. Walked to North Mimons (12 miles) with Brother Squires to attend council meeting, set things as near right as possible.

18th. Returned home (12 miles) spent the day first rate.

21st. Walked to St. Albans (8 miles) attended two meetings, had the Spirit of God in our midst. Mrs. Slack with me.

22nd. Walked to Welwyn (9 miles) to see the country and to pay Mother Squires a visit, enjoyed the day very agreeable.

Tuesday 25. Walked to Hitchie (10 miles) with Elder Squires \_\_\_\_\_ the Saints who are residing there.

Wed. 24th. Travelled to St. Albans (19 miles) with Brother Squires.

Thursday 25th. Returned home (7 miles) along with Mrs. Slack.

Sunday 28th. Met 3 times with the Saints had a very pleasant day.

Monday 29. Met in council with the Brethren a good spirit was in our midst.

Tuesday 30. Travelled to Oresett (40 miles) had good meeting in the evening.

Wed. 31st. Travelled to St. Albans (41 miles) attended council in the evening.

Thursday April 1st returned home (8 miles) in the evening. first rate.

4th. A general fast throughout the conference. Had very good meeting at Watford. A good spirit prevailed.

5th. Visited some of the Saints and attended council in the evening.

April 6th. Twenty-two years today since the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints was organized. \_\_\_\_\_ day I went to London to attend a Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ general council of the Ch \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ British Isles \_\_\_\_\_ council given during

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\_\_\_\_\_ to attend quarterly Conference \_\_\_\_\_ I was appointed charge of the Mansfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield \_\_\_\_\_ Elder Dunas resigned the Presidency in favor \_\_\_\_\_ James W. Cummings, that he might fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ of Elder Orson Pratt, President of the Brit \_\_\_\_\_ repairing to Scotland to take charge of the Edinburge.



29th. I visited my Father, who was living at Calver, a village in Derbyshire, 12 miles from Sheffield. I found him enjoying good health and strength. On the 31st I left him and repaired to my field of labour.

I will now give a few more items of my genealogy which have just come to hand, in addition to those given on page 7

My Father Thomas Slack was born at Pilsley, parish of Northwingfield in the county of Derby March 10th 1786.

My Mother Elizabeth Greasby Slack was born at Pilsley, Parish of Northwingfield, in the county of Derby, June 23rd 1787. Died March 11 \_\_\_\_\_ at Pilsley.

My grandfather, William Slack was born at the same place \_\_\_\_\_ Parents June 23rd 17 \_\_\_\_\_ a monthly visitation by \_\_\_\_\_ low of Duckmanton in \_\_\_\_\_ son, named Joseph Slack \_\_\_\_\_ the second wife, was myself and two daughters \_\_\_\_\_ on the 2nd January 1850. I arrived in my field of \_\_\_\_\_

18th. Brother Cummings paid his first visit to \_\_\_\_\_ preached to the Saints in the evening and the night following attended a council of officers, gave us some excellent instructions, which made our hearts burn within us.

25th. Andrew Robinson, formerly an Elder in the Mansfield Branch gave a lecture against the Latter-day Saints. and attempted to prove that we did not believe in the Bible, or act in accordance with its injunctions. His folly was made manifest before the people.

I continued my labours in the Mansfield District until the close of the year. At a quarterly conference held at Sheffield November 24th, 1850 the following resolution was passed that,

"Elder Slack be released from the Mansfield District and have the privilege to go and labour in the Liverpool Conference."

Sister Humphrey whom I had lived with during my labours in Mansfield presented the following verses to me as a Farwell.

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Officers present of the Seventies, 12 Elders, 3 Priests, 4 Teachers and \_\_\_\_\_ Deacons.

Meeting opened by singing the first hymn, prayer by Elder John Lewis and singing.

1st Resolved that we uphold and sustain Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards as the first presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

2nd Resolved that we uphold and sustain the Twelve Apostles as the travelling High Council.

3rd Resolved that we uphold and sustain Elder Samuel W. Richards as President of the church in the British Isles, with Elder Levi Richards as his counsellor.

4th Resolved that we uphold and sustain Elder Jacob Gates as Pastor of the Longon Kent, Reading and Essex Conference.

5th Resolved that we uphold and sustain Elder Martin Slack \_\_\_\_\_

13th Resolved that the Branches of Woodfordbridge \_\_\_\_\_ Orsett be organized into a District to be \_\_\_\_\_ us the Romford District and that Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Harrison preside over the same.

14th Resolved that Elder Henry Kemp be appointed to labour in the Romford District in connection

15th Resolved that we sustain Elder Holmes as a travelling Elder in the Hertford District.



16th Resolved that Priest John Fry be ordained an Elder and that he take the Presidency of the Hertford Branch.

17th Resolved that we uphold and sustain Brother Stephen Forsdick as secretary for the conference.

18th Resolved that we uphold and sustain Elder John Caffall as general Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund of this conference.

19th Resolved that we sustain Elder Slack as treasurer for the Free Will offering of this conference.

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\_\_\_\_\_ gets sufficient before Elder Martin Slack leaves the Branch.

5th resolved that a monthly priesthood meeting be held alternately in Essex and Herts.

6th resolved that we in this conference get up a sum for Elder Gates Emigration worthy to be presented to him, and that Elder Martin Slack be treasurer and that Priest Stephen Forsdick be secretary for the same.

7th resolved that the Conference Fund be sustained at the rate of 2 d per member per month.

8th resolved that all the Branches who have any old debts on hand, pay half the same, and the conference the other half.

Meeting closed by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", and Prayer by Elder Gates.

Elder Martin Slack President  
Priest Stephen Forsdick Secretary

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get rid of all back Stars as soon as possible.

Some questions were then asked by Elder Penrose and Brett Priest Marchbanks and Teacher Kemp which were answered satisfactorily by Elder Slack. and after some further instructions from him the meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Moss.

Martin Slack President  
Charles W. Penrose Secretary

14th Tuesday. Left Chelmsford called to see Brother Gates \_\_\_\_\_ and then returned home.

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Dec. 13. We arrived in Cedar City, Iron County during the winter. I taught an evening school and \_\_\_\_\_ the spring. I commenced teaching day school. 1858 Sept. 28 my wife gave birth to a son, and on the sixth of October I blessed and named him \_\_\_\_\_

14th I gave up teaching day school, in consequence of so many families leaving this City. I feel to praise the Lord for his kindness and long \_\_\_\_\_ to me and my family. I will now \_\_\_\_\_ patriarchal blessings.



This is an article in an old "Millennial Star". Lloyd Jackson a cousin from my mother's side found it and we copied it off. Genevieve Lamb typing it, while her mother Jennie Lamb read it to her.

## HOME CORRESPONDENCE

### ESSEX CONFERENCE--WORTHY OF ALL EMULATION

Baptism--praiseworthy exertions in financial and other matters

Watford, Herts, Dec. 18, 1854

Pres. F. D. Richards.

Dear Brother--

With very great pleasure we send you a report of a visit we have paid to the Essex Conference.

This little Conference is a prodigy. The Saints composing it may be ranked among the best in this country for energy, faith, and good works. In proof of this, we have only to show the financial returns for the past year.

At the commencement of the year the Book debt to the Depot of London was lb. 58 Os. 8½. This has been reduced to lb. 17 6s. 1½d. For the Temple Fund they have raised during the year lb. 20 12s. 1½d; for the T. E. Fund, lb. 23 3s. 10½ for the Conference Fund, lb. 67 14s. 0½d.; for the benefit of the pastor, lb. 11 11s. 8½d.; for the sustenance of the President of the Conference and his family, lb. 38 13s. 11d.; making a total of lb. 161 15s. 8d.; besides sustaining ten Travelling Elders, with three women and seven children!

The Conference, numbering four hundred persons, extends over about three hundred miles, and is entirely an agricultural district, the wages averaging about 10s per week.

During the year, one hundred and one persons have been added by baptism, and fifteen have emigrated.

These results have been brought about by the wise legislation of Elders Daniel Tyler and Martin Slack, with the energentic co-operation of the brethren associated with them in the ministry.

The quarterly Conference is held on Saturday and Sunday last, when the appointment of the new President was acknowledged with pleasure. The very best feelings were entertained by the Priesthood and the Saints toward Elder Slack. As a proof of this, they agreed to raise sufficient means to send him and his family through to Zion, stating their determination that he should have as good an outfit (proportionate to their means) as any other President who was about to emigrate.

Two of the brethren, who have saved sufficient to emigrate themselves, said that, sooner than Elder Slack should be deficient in means, they would stay, and he should have their money. Elder Slack stated his willingness to throw the money into the P. E. Fund, and repay it when he should arrive in the Valley. The Conference objected to this, and felt that the money should be his. They commenced at once to contribute from 5s. to 3 30s. per head, and raise in the room above lb. 19.

The Conference also voted to give him a "Memorial"; but we think that this letter is as good a "Memorial", as could be drawn up on his behalf. We felt that great praise is due to him for the manner in which he has managed the affairs of this Conference, that few men will leave this country having done a greater work, and that he will go to Zion with the approbation of God and all his good men.

The travelling brethren, notwithstanding the poverty of the people, are full of spirit, and one of them at the Conference said he would challenge the whole British Conference to produce a more respectable-looking set of men.



We would respectfully invite all the British Churches to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest;" and we think that if they will take a pattern from the Essex Conference, they will soon be free from debt, and will cause the sound of the Everlasting Gospel to be heard throughout the length and breadth of this little Island.

Yours as ever,

William H. Kimball  
Cyrus H. Wheelock

This is an article taken from a magazine of the DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS, Lesson for September 1955, compiled by Kate B. Carter, entitled "They Came in 1855". Our story is taken from pages 29 to 37 inclusive.

### THE SAILSHIP CHIMBORAZO

On April 17, 1855, the sailship CHIMBORAZO with 432 Latter-day Saints on board sailed from Liverpool, England, for America. The company arrived at Philadelphia May 22. Edward Stephenson, was appointed president of the CHIMBORAZO Conference. This Conference consisted of all the Saints on board the ship. Elder William G. Mills was appointed historian. He kept a daily record of the voyage across the ocean. He wrote the history of the CHIMBORAZO Conference.

On Thursday, April 12th 1855, the Ship CHIMBORAZO, Peter Vesper Master, 1071 Tons, register, was appointed to sail from the Port of Liverpool, England, with 432 passengers on board belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On Wednesday evening, April 11th, at a meeting of Elders, held in 15 Wilton Street, President Franklin D. Richards, presiding Elder Edward Stephenson, president of Gibraltar Mission was appointed to preside over the passengers on board the said ship. Elders A. L. Lamoreaux, ex-president of the French Mission, Thomas Jeremy, ex-councillor of the Welsh Mission, Martin Slack, ex-president of Essex Conference, and William G. Mills, ex-president of the Reading Conference, were appointed to be Councillors to Elder Stephenson.

On Thursday, April 12th, the Saints were generally on board arranging their berths and luggage. Elders Slack and Mills attended to putting on strict guards by day and night to prevent strangers and dishonest persons stealing from the Saints. The vessel did not clear out today. On Friday some provisions served.

On Saturday, 14th, a meeting was convened on the Poop deck to organize the ship, and sustained the authorities, and that instruction and counsel might be imparted necessary for the Saints. About 11 o'clock the meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Prayer by Elder Lamoreaux. Elder Daniel Spencer addressed the Saints, giving them valuable instructions on the necessary duties while traversing the briny wave. The following motions were then made and carried.

That Elder Edward Stephenson be sustained as President of this company according to the appointment of President Franklin D. Richards. That Elders A. L. Lamoreaux, T. Jeremy, W. G. Mills, and M. Slack be his Councillors. That Elders E. Sutherland, S. Burt, G. St. Geer, W. Davies, D. Jeremy, Priests T. Elliott, and R. E. Davies, preside over the Seven Wards, into which the ship will be divided. That Elder Martin Slack be Secretary. That Elder W. G. Mills be Historian.

The meeting was then addressed by the following brethren:

President Spencer exhorted the Saints to avoid all murmuring and complaining. The Saints have more food than the law allows and by using



everything wisely they would have sufficient to sustain them. He exhorted them to entertain no hard feelings, let union prevail and confide in God, and they should cross the sea without one death.

Elder C. H. Wheelock exhorted the Saints to purity of conduct and morals, and to seek the purity of their bodies which would avoid much sickness. Told them to avoid sin, and not give way to temptation as there would be many between this and the Valley. He exhorted the Saints not to interfere with the Captain and Sailors in their duty. Let not any give way to adultery and may that man wither away that will seek to decay the sisters any.

Elders W. H. Kimball, Jos. Ferguson, D. Jones, C. G. Webb, and President Stephenson gave valuable instruction and meeting was closed by prayer. Good feelings prevailed.

This afternoon a council meeting was held when the company was divided into Wards, and the President appointed. Arrangements were entered into relative to cooking, cleansing, and every thing that was attended to was unanimously agreed to, and all officers felt determined to do their duty. Watching arranged by Bros. Slack and Mills.

An uncommon scene occurred on board today. A Wm. Sainsbury came on board and some detective police to search for his wife and children. Mrs. Sainsbury who had always been very cruelly treated by her husband, fled from him and secured a berth on board on Friday with her two children. She was very desirous to go to America from his influence as well as obey the command of gathering. She had not long been on board yesterday when she was safely delivered of a fine child, a boy, and was doing well. The man and officers rushed in quite unceremoniously today, in an unfeeling manner, and insisted on questioning the weak woman and exciting her and all in the cabin. She felt determined to resist his authority and anxious to proceed to America, and if she must go, it would be by force. The two little children trembled and screamed when they saw the father. Elder John A. Williams was seized by the police on pretended suspicion of having assisted and abetted her in escaping with Sainsbury's goods. After being taken to a Police Station and kept there for five hours, he was released, no charge having been preferred against him.

On Sunday, April 15th, a meeting was held on the deck for general instruction, at 10 o'clock when the meeting was addressed by Elders W. G. Mills, C. G. Webb and President Stephenson. In the afternoon another meeting was held at half past three o'clock, and after singing and prayer it was addressed by Elders Jos. Ferguson, James Bond, Philemon C. Merrill, and Joseph T. Young and E. Stephenson. A good feeling prevailed. Prayer meetings before retiring to sleep were attended to in all the wards and the Saints felt well. Today Mr. Sainsbury appeared on board and contrary to the wishes and remonstrances of Sister Sainsbury, forcibly carried her on shore in a weak condition, having been confined on Friday evening. This was under the sanction and protection of the law of England. Watches appointed for day and night by Elders Slack and Mills.

The child born on board was blessed today (just before taken ashore) by Elder Jos. A. Young, and called Joseph Sainsbury. A vote of thanks given to Captain Vesper for allowing the deck for meetings.

Tuesday, 17th. All seemed active this morning on board, as preparations were being made for moving out of dock; at about a quarter to 9 o'clock, orders were given by the mate to twin off the moorings and we moved along, all being on board except three persons who were on the quay for water but subsequently got easily on board. At 5 minutes to 12 o'clock the steam tug took us into tow and we passed gallantly through the gates into the river, amid the shouts and hearty hurrahs and cheers of the Saints on board and the friends on shore. Shortly after passing out the passengers were all mustered on the quarter-deck to see that all agreed with the "Passenger Book" furnished by our office to the government officers. These men examined all tickets--none were missing except W. Vest, wife and child, who had to leave the ship in consequence of child's being ill; and Mrs. Sainsbury, who was forcibly taken away by her husband. No "stowaways" were found on board, save two men who jumped on board as we passed through the last gate, but who were soon detected by our guards, and given up to the captain and kept in "durance vile" until sent back by the tug. The Saints felt to enjoy themselves much and sang many hymns suitable to the occasion. The wind was light and



favourable blowing and the sea tranquil and the Welsh mountains in the distance gave a feeling of rapture never before felt and enjoyed by many of the Saints. The other vessels that went out the same tide looked dressed up in their best and ample clothing, inviting the winds to embrace and fill the sheets. At 7 o'clock the Saints in every Ward met to hold testifying meetings and instructions were given to pray for fair wind and favorable weather and for blessings to rest upon our kind Captain and crew. Three marriages were celebrated on board tonight. John Pickett and Rosetta Stringer, David Rees and Martha Eynon were united by President E. Stephenson; and David Williams and Ann Walters by President Thomas Jeremy in the Welsh language. Guards appointed by Bros. Slack and Mills. A Council meeting was held today and further necessary arrangements were entered into for the comfort of the Saints.

Tuesday, 18th. A dead calm this morning not a breath seemed to disturb the waters--the sea was smooth as oil--the usual business attended to. At 12 o'clock the wind blew at N.N.W. Council meeting held this morning the President and four Councillors present only. Another Council meeting held in the afternoon when Elder E. Sutherland was appointed Sergeant of the Guard to superintend that department and was released from presidency of his Ward. Elder R. Tresseder appointed to succeed Elder Sutherland in the Presidency. Very near the coast of North Wales today and tacking the wind being at the port. A small fishing boat came alongside and by permission of the Captain sold several Saints some fresh fish. Meetings held in every Ward tonight as usual, tonight however they held testifying meetings and Elder Lamoreaux, Jeremy, Slack, and Mills visited the Wards and gave necessary instructions and cheered the Saints. Guards appointed by Sergeant Sutherland.

Friday, 20th. A splendid morning, a fair wind, still at the East and the hearts of the Saints seemed joyous, complimenting each other on the prospect of a speedy and good voyage. Provisions were served out this morning and the business got through well and quickly by the effective organization of our President and his Council. All seemed perfectly satisfied with the manner of doing business and what was given. About 15 minutes to one o'clock an accident occurred which caused great sensation and alarm throughout the ship. A baby named Mary Price aged 2 years, daughter of Jeremiah Price, being nursed by her little brother fell off the hatchway on the deck. She fell on the frontal region of the skull just over the right eye. She was picked up in an instant and was bleeding profusely from nose and mouth--she seemed to spit the blood out to save her from choking. Speedily her face was covered with blood, the skull over her right eye was very much swollen, and her little eye was very closed up. After having bled considerably in a sitting position Elder Lamoreaux came down and promptly and energetically attended to the case as surgeon, stripped the child, washed the blood off, applied solution of Camphor and bandaged the head--then laid her in a blanket, and placed her in the charge of a sister who volunteered to be nurse. The Saints sympathized much with the parents and rendered every assistance necessary and possible. Elders Stephenson, Jeremy, and Mills, administered in the ordinance of the gospel for the restoration of the child, Mills anointing and Jeremy sealing it. Elder Lamoreaux paid every possible attention to his little patient, who seemed to recover wonderfully. Indeed had not some extraordinary power assisted, she must have been killed. Some nankeen given out today to make wagon covers and tents. Meetings in every Ward. Guards kept up by the Sergeant. Several of the Saints fell a little squeamish tonight.

Sunday, 22nd. The child that fell from the Hatchway on Friday ceased to exist in the body this morning. She died about 2 o'clock in the morning, which created a feeling of sorrow in sympathy for the parents, and regret that such a melancholy and fatal accident should have occurred on board. The ship with a good steady wind, scudding along well at about 12 knots an hour. Sickness prevails considerably on board--and many an envious inquiry made as to how they suffered or escaped from the distressing sickness, and many and different remedies recommended, some indeed novel and amusing. Old Neptune seemed to let us know we had trespassed upon his territory and inflicted a penalty for so doing. A meeting held today on deck, when all that could possibly leave their berths were there to hear instruction, and the interest was the more enhanced as the child who died was to be buried in the liquid grave. After singing and prayer the meeting was severally addressed on the subjects of resurrection, parents and children, by the President, Elders Jeremy, Lamoreaux, and Mills, after the conclusion of



this meeting the body of the child sewed decently up in clean cloth, and a bag of stones attached to it was lain on a frame, and after the hymn "Now She's Gone We'd Not Recall Her" was sung, and prayer, she was cast into the watery element.

Monday 30th. The wind blowing a splendid breeze today and fair. President Stevenson issued 494 yards of nankeen for wagon and tent covers today and the Saints entered heartily and willingly into the duty. The poop deck was covered with sisters and brothers engaged cheerfully in sewing the covers and tents. It appeared quite a place of industry.

Wednesday, May 2nd. The sky still gloomy and several showers of rain fell with squalls. At 8 o'clock this morning Caradee Palmer Beynon age 11 months died of inflammation of the chest--her parents were from Methyr Tydfyl, Wales. The child was consigned to the liquid tomb, after singing, and prayer by Elder Thos. Jeremy about half past two o'clock. A case was reported today of two sisters being mesmerised which was warmly denounced by Elder Stevenson and forbidden by him to be permitted amongst the Saints.

Sunday 13th. A glorious day. The sun shining in splendour, a perfect calm on the sea, not a ripple seen. Mother Cary's chickens sporting about us and a few caught by the boys. This is really a Sabbath at sea to suit a devout and a poetic mind. At 10 o'clock a meeting held on the poop deck and after the Saints were addressed by President Stevenson, he called on Elder W. G. Mills to deliver a discourse on the first principles of the gospel, for the benefit of those not in the Church which was attended to. The attention of the Saints was attracted by a small row boat on the waters which proceeded from a pilot boat in the distance. The pilot entered our ship, but he was for New York. The Saints much pleased to see new faces, or the appearance of fellow mortals. A meeting held again on deck at 2 o'clock which was addressed by President Stevenson on the work of the Latter-days--or the preparatory work to meet the Messiah as spoken of and testified to by the other Prophets and now established in fulfilment of the same. In the evening at 6 o'clock the meeting was privileged with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, of which all the Saints partook.

Wednesday 16th. Wind ahead--a stiff breeze blowing--no sewing on deck today in consequence of the bad weather--a great many sick today. A light-house seen tonight. In consequence of many of the Saints being short of sugar and a great call for it, our President kindly issues out a portion of sugar which proved a blessing to the Saints.

Friday, 18th. Today provisions served out to the passengers; a very fine day, nearly calm. Today a pilot from Philadelphia came on board to the great joy of the Saints. The wind began to blow lightly and in a fair point. Land seen, and we make Cape May; and the Breakwater and Lighthouse. We pass beautifully up the river Delaware--land on both sides, which cheers the hearts of the Saints. Duties and watching attended to as usual.

Saturday, 19th. About one o'clock this morning the wind being ahead we anchored about half ways up the river. The Saints sewing today. A small party, as we lay idly in the river, went ashore, under the direction of the Presidents and enjoyed themselves on terra firma for a short season, and visited two farmhouses. They brought with them a few fowl and eggs and milk, which were quite a treat to a few of the passengers.

Sunday 20th. This morning meetings were held in various wards. The wards were amalgamated to suit convenience and President Stevenson visited and preached to Nos. 1 and 2 wards united in No. 1 Ward. Elder Slack preached to 3 and 4th wards. Elders T. Jeremy visited No. 5 and Elder Lamoreaux Nos. 6 and 7. A good spirit prevailed. The weather becoming mild and fine, a meeting was convened on the deck at three o'clock, and being a testifying meeting, the Saints embraced the privilege and enjoyed themselves much. The steam tug came alongside and moored waiting for the morning to tow us up the river. Meetings were held in the various wards, united as in the morning, when the Lord's Supper was administered. They were visited by the President and Council.

Monday, 21st. The steam tug took us in tow this morning about 9 o'clock in connection with the PARTHENIA, another emigrant ship, gladdened the hearts of the Saints. The scenery was delightful to their eyes. When off a creek (Delaware City Creek). The Hawser from the tug to the PARTHENIA broke which



drove her ashore, and our vessel might have come seriously in collision but for the promptitude of our Captain and pilot. She slightly touched her starboard stern. We were then taken in tow by the tug and brought farther up to the Wilmington creek where we anchored all night. Instructions were issued to all the wards, meetings were spirited, and all went on well.

Tuesday, 22nd. The cry of "Philadelphia" heard by many of the Saints while in their berths at 5 o'clock, as we came to anchor (having been towed) about 6 o'clock. The eyes and hearts of the Saints were gladdened. A Council meeting held this morning when President Stevenson gave some necessary counsel to be made known to the Wards, and the councillors visited them as appointed, when the Saints evidenced a willingness to obey all counsel, and gratitude for the same. About 1/2 past nine the doctor came on board--all were assembled and passed us, thank God, no sickness amongst us. Brother T. S. Fullmer and Brother Jeter Clinton visited us, as soon as we passed the Doctor. Meetings were convened to allow the Saints to have parting testimonies, and to keep them from being too much on deck.

God bless us all--good has been our lot and portion, blessings have attended us, for which we are grateful. May 22nd, 1855.---EMILY CARLISLE

#### THE TEXAS COMPANY OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

(They seemed to continue on with this group)

Edward Stevenson was appointed Captain of the S. M. Blair Company June 22, 1855. Many of the company were dying and Elder Blair asked to be released. (Written Verbatim)

June 11th, 1855. This afternoon I arrived at Atchison 5 miles from Mormon grove with a company of Saints comprising souls mostly of the CHIMBORAZO Company that came with me over the sea from Liverpool "via Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and St. Louis, Mo." My company has diminished from 532 souls to the present No. but thank God not by death as only two deaths of infants on the sea and one lad 8 years old who fell overboard in the Ohio River. I rec'd a note from Elder McGaw teams would be forth coming in the morning to remove us to camp Grand up to the Grove or farm therefore we put 20 wagons that I brought up from St. Louis and covered them in which we passed the night which seemed like Mormon Life. On the 12th we arrived near sunset at the Grove in a rainstorm nearly worn down with fatigue as our toils have been arduous; the cattle are the wildest I ever saw and most of the drivers equally wild being from the old country where men do not toil as here. Two wagons tipped over one broke the tongue but no one hurt. Notwithstanding the scene of wagons, tents, farms, lowing of cattle and the busy scenes of the several companys preparing to Emigrate with the meeting of old and long parted friends seemed to Revive the Wearied Tabernacle. Here I remained in charge of my company assisting other companys. Pitching in the farm and company until the 23rd inst.

Bro. E. W. East, clerk of the company, gave a day by day account of the trip, only when he had sickness in his own family and was unable to write.

They arrived in Great Salt Lake City September 11th. There were 30 deaths in the camp from the time the company left Mormon Grove--29 died of cholera and one (a little boy of Bro. Middlemass) of cancer. Of the 29, 16 were of the Texas Company and 13 were of those that joined the company at Atchison.

One sick man wandered from camp and was never found.

Much time was spent in digging graves and selling possessions of the deceased.

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